

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-43 are pending in the application, that Claims 1-18 are rejected and that Claims 19-42 are allowable. By this amendment, Claims 1, 5, 6 and 18 have been amended, and Claims 2-4 have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102 & 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,799,200 to Blackmore. Claim 1 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0160191 to Macieoswicz. Claims 5-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/01600191 to Macieoswicz. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the patentably distinguishable limitations from independent Claim 38 that the Examiner has kindly noted as being allowable. Furthermore, Applicant submits that Claims 5-18 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on independent Claim 1 as amended, as well as the additional elements they recite. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the anticipation and obviousness rejections of pending Claims 1 and 5-18 be withdrawn and that Claims 1 and 5-18 be allowed.

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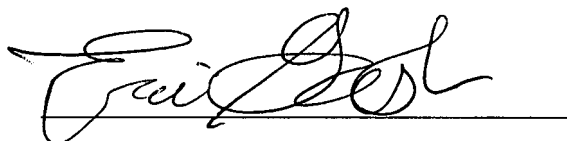
Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 504160. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 504160.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Gash", written over a horizontal line.

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